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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P. § 708.02)

NOTE: See M.P.E.P. § 708.02, 7th ed.

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because of actual infringement.

1. Accompanying material

Accompanying this petition is:

(a) A Statement by Attorney in Support of Petition to Make Special Because of Actual Infringement.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the application on October 7, 2003 and a copy of each reference is believed already of record in this case, or the parent case U.S. Application No. 10/137,596.

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT (M.P.E.P. § 708.02)

I, Antonia M. Holland, of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., located at 1000 North Water Street, Suite 2100, Milwaukee, WI 53202, in the United States, am a registered practitioner in this case and make the following statements:

There is an alleged infringing device actually on the market. A.

The Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson was first discovered to exist on November 19, 2002, and is currently being manufactured and sold in both a printed catalog and on the Internet. Exhibit A is a copy of a page in the Schneider's Tack catalog displaying the infringing Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson device. Exhibit B is a copy of the Internet web page exhibiting the infringing Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson device.

- B. A rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, referenced in Exhibits A and B, and the claims of the application has been made and Claims 29, 31, 39, 48, and 55 are found to be unquestionably infringed.
 - 1. The allegedly infringing device.

The Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains a circular segment, including an upper, noseband portion that runs over the nose of a horse and a lower, jaw strap portion that runs under the chin of a horse when the caveson is installed. The circular segment of the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson is made at least in part of stretchable, rubber material located on the sides of a horse's muzzle. As illustrated in Exhibit B, the stretchable, rubber material located on the sides of the horse's muzzle is part of both the upper, nose strap portion and the lower, jaw strap portion of the circular segment. Further, a headstall is attached at each end to the circular segment and runs behind the ears of the horse when installed. As shown in Exhibit B, the rubber inserts of

the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson are stretchable and yet are intended to exert resistance when the horse attempts to open his mouth.

2. Claim 29 of Applicant's Invention

Claim 29 is directed to a caveson comprising a circular segment made at least in part of an elastic, stretchable material, which encircles the muzzle of a horse when installed and a headstall which is attached to the circular segment at each end and which runs behind the ears of the horse when installed. As disclosed in both Claim 29 and the specification, the elastic material can be any material that is stretchable yet exerts resistance on the horse's mouth when the horse attempts to open its mouth.

As stated above, the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson has a circular segment that is made at least in part of an elastic material and a headstall. Therefore, because the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains each and every element of Claim 29, Claim 29 is unquestionably infringed by the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson.

3. Claim 31 of Applicant's invention.

Claim 31 is directed to a caveson comprising a circular segment having upper and lower hemispherical portions, in which either the upper or the lower hemispherical portion or both are constructed at least in part of an elasticized, resilient material. The caveson further comprises a headstall attached to the circular segment on opposite sides thereof.

As stated above, the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains both a circular segment that is made at least in part of an elasticized, resilient material and a headstall. Both the upper hemispherical portion and the lower hemispherical portion of the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contain a rubber portion located within the circular segment which is an elasticized, resilient material -- designed to provide the caveson with resistance while permitting limited movement of a horse's mouth.

Therefore, the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains a circular segment having at least a section of its upper and lower hemispherical portions constructed of an elasticized, resilient material. Accordingly, because the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains each and every element of Claim 31, Claim 31 is unquestionably infringed by the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson.

4. <u>Claim 39 of the Applicant's invention.</u>

Claim 39 is directed to a cavseon comprising a circular segment containing right and left side portions and at least one elasticized, resilient portion and a headstall attached to the circular segment at the right and left side portions of the circular segment. The elasticized, resilient portion is located anywhere within the circular segment and provides the circular segment with the ability to exert constant pressure on a horse's nose, but with the ability to yield slightly when the horse attempts to open its mouth, thereby reducing the pain.

As stated above, the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains both a circular segment that is made at least in part of an elasticized, resilient material (rubber) and a headstall. The rubber material is present within the circular segment, and therefore meets each and every limitation of Claim 39. Accordingly, Claim 39 is unquestionably infringed by the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson.

5. Claim 48 of the Applicant's invention.

Claim 48 discloses a caveson comprising a circular segment for encircling the muzzle of an animal in which the circular segment contains at least one resilient section constructed of an elastic material. The caveson of Claim 48 also contains a headstall attached to the circular section.

Clearly, and as stated above, the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains both a circular segment including a resilient section constructed of an elastic (rubber) material and a headstall. Accordingly, because the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains each and every element of Claim 48, Claim 48 is unquestionably infringed by the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson.

6. Claim 55 of the Applicant's invention.

Claim 55 is directed to a caveson comprising a noseband constructed at least in part of an elasticized, resilient material and a jaw band constructed at least in part of a resilient material which together comprise a circular segment which will be constructed at

least in part of an elasticized, resilient material. The caveson further comprises a headstall attached to the circular segment on opposite sides thereof.

As stated above, the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains both a circular segment that is made at least in part of an elasticized, resilient material and a headstall. Both the noseband portion and the jaw strap portion of the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contain a portion of the rubber insert located within the circular segment which is an elasticized, resilient material -- designed to provide the caveson with resistance while permitting limited movement of a horse's mouth. Therefore, the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson contains each and every element of Claim 55, Claim 55 is unquestionably infringed by the Billy Royal® Rubber Training Caveson.

C. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d), I have a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art. An Information Disclosure Statement citing the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims was filed on October 7, 2003.

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Favorable consideration of this petition is respectfully submitted. Should the Examiner believe that the prosecution of the application could be so expedited, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

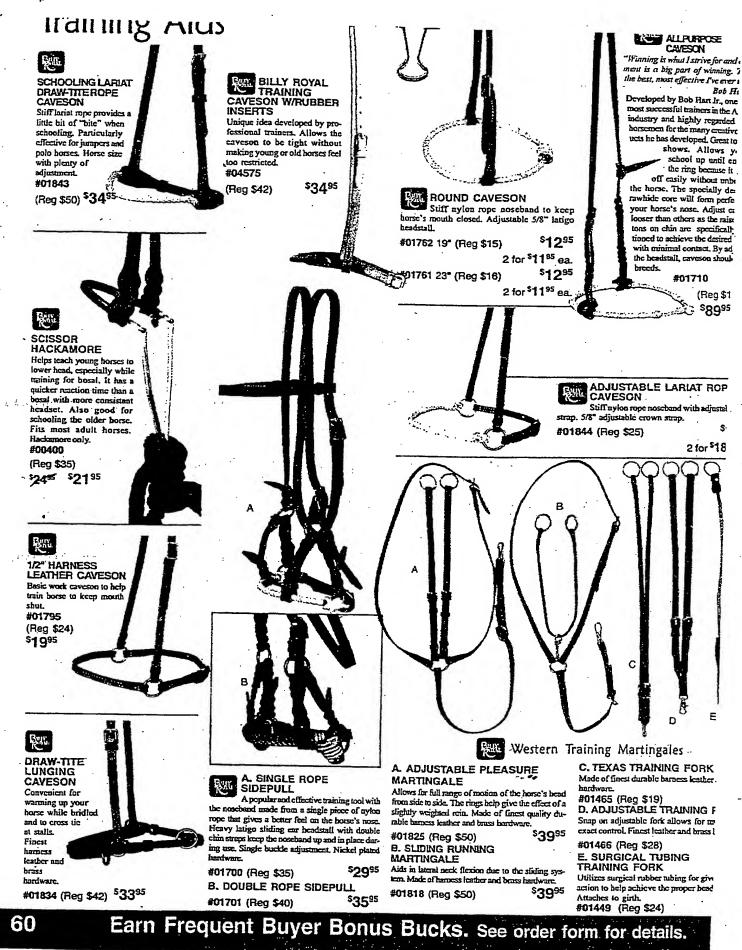
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